

The Coast Line, which is said will be a competitor of the New York and New Jersey Company, obtained the privilege from the Newark Board of Works to erect poles and string wires along the pipe line right-of-way. This right-of-way traverses several Brookdale farms, and while the water company owns the strip of land through the farm, privilege is given to the farmers to use the land subject to the rights of the water company to enter upon it at any time and for any purpose.

The telephone company put a large force of men at work and rapid progress was being made, and on Saturday last the farm of Abraham Garbrant on West Passaic avenue was reached and the linemen proceeded to tear down the fence and enter upon the premises.

Mr. Garbrant has had some experience maintaining his rights against corporations, and when word was sent to him that the telephone company was entering his premises he and his son hastened to the scene and ordered the men off. The linemen made light of Mr. Garbrant's command and simply laughed at him. This angered the farmer, and he went home and got a shot gun and reappeared with it ready for use and threatened to use it if the men did not get off of his place. The linemen saw that things were getting serious and stopped work.

Miss Lulu Kingland Garbrant, Mr. Garbrant's daughter, telephoned a call for the police to protect her father's premises against the intrusion. Chief Officer Collins and Officer Smith responded to the call and hastened to Broadmead in order to prevent bloodshed. Chief Collins had a long talk with Superintendent Blum, and maintained that they were too busy to meet up with Mr. Garbrant's demands.

Superintendent Blum telephoned to the company's legal counsel, Gilbert Collins of Jersey City, and told him of the trouble. The lawyer advised that the work would be temporarily stopped and the case would be taken to court.

In stringing the wires the telephone men have been following the route of the water pipe line across the Pequannock river in Newark, having received permission to do so from the Board of Works of Newark. This pipe line goes through private property, including Garbrant's farm. He sold the right-of-way to the East Jersey Water Company, which then sold it to Newark. Apparently he has not understood that the city has sold the telephone company the right to erect its poles on the city's strip of land through his farm, or, knowing this, claims that he has some rights in the matter.

To Facilitate Travel.

The congestion of passenger traffic at the Hoboken terminal of the Lackawanna Railroad is a problem that the company is anxious to solve in a manner satisfactory to the large commuter patronage. Now it is declared in railroad circles at Hoboken that a method has been practically agreed upon. The scheme is to use the tracks passing through the tunnel for train service in one direction only for about two hours in the morning and about the same length of time in the evening. The time table is to be set so that in the morning between 7:30 and about 9:30 eastbound trains will be run out from Hoboken, and some of the eastbound trains will be switched to the westbound tracks near the tunnel and rushed through that way to Hoboken. During the crash hours in the evening the same program is to be followed, with eastbound service and westbound trains will be run on the eastbound tracks through the tunnel.

Postmaster Heath Secure.

Senator Dryden and Congressmen Parker have recommended the reappointment of George W. Heath as postmaster here, and the postoffice position is now removed from the category of live political issues. There has been much talk indulged in about the competition for the position. If Mr. Heath reads any opposition it was of a bad and indefinite kind. While his work was assured of the friendship and support of many people if a fight for postmastership should ensue, he evidently took nothing for granted and got to work early and made a successful job of securing the appointment.

Death of John Fisher.

John Fisher, for many years gateman at the Glenwood residence crossing of the Lackawanna Railroad, died at his home in Little street at an early hour Wednesday morning from pneumonia following a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Fisher was a veteran of the civil war serving in a New York State regiment and a member of Garfield Circle Brotherhood of the U.C.W. He is survived by a widow and three children.

other heavy blanket from the bed, held it to the floor with his feet, and then covered his head. He had placed the blanket over the hand in which he held the revolver, a cheap one of twenty-two calibers. After he fired the revolver fell to the floor. There were two wounds, one on the right side of his head and one in the right ear.

The two young women at once notified other people in the house, and Dr. Barber was hurriedly sent for. The physician applied restoratives and did what he could for the man pending the arrival of the City Hospital ambulance.

Dr. Barber notified the police, and Detective Fallo and Policeman Adubato of the Second Precinct went to the house and found the revolver, which contained five loaded cartridges and two empty ones, together with a note. The note was addressed to Mr. Purcell and read as follows: "I can't put up with my hardship any longer. I would rather take my own life and be through with it, am sorry, but can't help it. Please notify my son and notify John G. Kelly, undertaker, of 558 Bloomfield avenue, Bloomfield. They will take me to Bloomfield at once." The opposite side of the note read as follows: "Please don't allow any one but my son to get the truck, as there are only private persons."

Mr. Brown came to this town many years ago, and was employed in the Pequannock organ works. He then resided at Broadmead in order to prevent bloodshed. Chief Collins had a long talk with Superintendent Blum, and maintained that they were too busy to meet up with Mr. Garbrant's demands.

Elks Memorial Service.

The members of Bloomfield Lodge of Elks held their annual memorial service in Central Hall Sunday afternoon. The exercises were as usually impressive, and a large number of members of the order and their friends were in attendance. In addition to the ritualistic exercises by the lodge officers and members a musical programme of excellent quality was presented by Miss Emily Moore, soprano; Mrs. Theodore Staats, contralto; William B. Williams, baritone; and John H. Hartman, Selections on the violin and piano were played on the violins and piano were part of the programme.

The oration, which is always a leading feature of an Elks memorial service was delivered this year by Rev. Dr. Davis, the well-known Orator, lawyer, and his subject was "Charity." Mr. Davis said in part:

"Charity covers a multitude of sins and throws its broad and ample mantle over our shortcomings; it avenges us of our enemies and leads us to victory and success in life.

"The Colby platform, as adopted by the individual should also be willing to practice the virtue by devoting some of his time and some of his efforts toward the improvement of public or the city, State and nation in which we live.

"It is possible that the Colby platform may have appeal to the people at next fall.

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"In the public affairs of our city, State and nation that the moral standard shall be upheld, that the wicked shall be a public trust, that the wicked

shall be exposed and that the moral tone of the place is not being sustained."

St. Valentine's Church Dedication.

Elaborate preparations are in progress for the observance of the ceremony of dedication of the new church edition of St. Valentine's Catholic Church, the congregation of which is composed largely of Polish people. The dedication will take place some time during the month of January. Polish people from all nearby towns will be invited to participate in the celebration.

Death of John Donahue.

John Donahue, fifty-five years old, died yesterday at 24 Willist street, Wednesday night, after a lingering illness.

Mr. Donahue had been a resident of the city for many years. He was a member of Bloomfield Council, Union Benevolent Legion. A widow and two daughters survive Mr. Donahue.

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